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OF MATERIALS, CONDITIONS, ACTIVITIES

AND LIFESTYLES

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title of the patent application to:

METHOD FOR MONITORING BLOOD VISCOSITY OF A LIVING BEING

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Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite Claim 35 as follows:

(Amended) A method of screening a material to determine its effect in altering the viscosity of the circulating blood of a living being, comprising the step of introducing the material into the body of a living being, and utilizing a viscosity measuring instrument to measure the viscosity of the being's circulating blood after said material has been [administered] introduced into the living being['s circulating blood] to determine the likely

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